GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SKILL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR EMIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has any plans to launch a nation- wide skill enhancement programme for prospective emigrants, i.e. semi- skilled and unskilled labourers;

(b) If so, the details and the names of States in which the said programme is likely to be launched and the amount likely to be allotted for the same;

(c) Whether some of the States have sent any proposals to the Union Government seeking financial support for skill training programme; and

(d) If so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d) The Government proposes to encourage and support the States to undertake skill upgradation programmes for potential unskilled/semi- skilled emigrant workers. Initially the major sourcing States from where large numbers of workers emigrate each year will be the focus states. During 2006-07 a sum of Rs. one crore is being earmarked for this purpose. So far, proposals have been received from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala for commencing emigrant workers training programmes. Action is being taken to provide funding support for these programmes. The programmes are expected to commence during the current year.